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Lisa Martin is professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her research is primarily focused on the role of institutions and international organizations in world politics. She views institutions through a strategic lens, examining how their functions and design influence state interaction. Topics that she has worked on include economic sanctions and the role of domestic legislatures in international cooperation.

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